

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF
William Charles Cooper #098578

Case No. [15-mc-80169-JD](#)

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On June 11, 2015, the Court issued an order to show cause, suspending attorney William Charles Cooper on an interim basis. It did so because notice had been received that Mr. Cooper's status with the State Bar of California had been changed to inactive "pursuant to Section 6007 of the Business and Professions Code and [he] may not practice law while so enrolled effective March 12, 2015." Dkt. No. 1. Mr. Cooper was permitted to file by July 21, 2015, a response "meeting the requirements of Civil Local Rule 11-7(b)(2)." *Id.*

Mr. Cooper instead mailed in a "personal and confidential" letter, which has now been made a part of the docket. Dkt. No. 2. As a preliminary matter, correspondence with the Court that pertains to an active matter should not be labeled "personal and confidential" and must instead be filed on the public docket.

But that is a minor error in light of the letter overall. Mr. Cooper states that he has never been subject to "a 'SECTION 6007' of the Business and Professional Code," but he does admit that he "stipulated to charges of misconduct for falsely reporting MCLE compliance" and that he was "placed on probation for one year, subject to the condition of being 'actually' suspended from the practice of law for the first 30 days of probation (only), effective March 12, 2015." Dkt. No. 2. On this basis, Mr. Cooper "respectfully" requests that the Court "'check out' your sources, get the information correct, and make this 'matter' go away." *Id.*


1 Mr. Cooper's disrespectful and demanding tone is entirely inappropriate, and the Court
2 will impose sanctions should he address the Court in that manner again in the future. As for the
3 substance of this matter, although it appears the California State Bar may have misreported the
4 statutory section pursuant to which Mr. Cooper was disciplined, Mr. Cooper himself admits the
5 salient fact that he was actually suspended from the practice of law for 30 days, effective March
6 12, 2015. Dkt. No. 2.

7 That fact by itself is sufficient to support an order of suspension as a matter of reciprocal
8 discipline under Civil Local Rule 11-7(a). This case does not fall under the exception provided in
9 Rule 11-1(g), because Mr. Cooper's suspension was not for "less than 30 days." Nor was it akin
10 to a temporary, reversible suspension for a "failure to submit documentation of compliance with
11 continuing education requirements" under Rule 11-1(g)(1)(D); rather, the 30-day suspension was
12 imposed on Mr. Cooper as a disciplinary measure because he had admitted to falsifying his MCLE
13 compliance report with the State Bar. Finally, Mr. Cooper's letter contains no grounds for setting
14 aside the Court's prior order under Civil Local Rule 11-7(b)(2).

15 Consequently, Mr. Cooper's membership in the bar of this Court is hereby suspended. As
16 stated in Civil Local Rule 11-7(b)(3), Mr. Cooper may seek reinstatement by filing a petition for
17 admission with the Clerk as provided in Civil Local Rule 11-1(c) and paying the admission fee in
18 accordance with 11-1(d). Should he choose to do so, Mr. Cooper is admonished that all members
19 of the bar of this Court are expected to conduct themselves with the utmost honesty and courtesy,
20 and anything less will not be tolerated nor excused.

21 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

22 Dated: August 6, 2015

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25 JAMES DONATO
26 United States District Judge
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

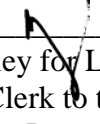
That on 8/6/2015, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

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Dated: 8/6/2015

Richard W. Wieking
Clerk, United States District Court

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